

REMARKS

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action of April 20, 2005. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 13, 15-17, 21-23, and 26 have been rejected in the Office Action. The Examiner has indicated that claims 3, 5 and 8-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Claims 14, 19, 20, 24, and 25 are allowed. In response to the Office Action, the Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 4, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21-23, and 26, and has canceled Claims 3 and 5.

The Examiner objected to Claim 18 because of a second period sign at the end of the claim. Claim 18 has been amended to remove the second period.

The Examiner rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Matsumoto (U.S. Patent No. 6,427,763). The Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the limitations of Claim 3, which the Examiner has stated would be allowable. Claim 3 has been canceled. Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 2 is allowable as being dependent from Claim 1.

The Examiner rejected Claim 4 as being anticipated by Horng et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,547,540) and Gray, III (U.S. Patent No. 4,548,548). The Applicant has amended Claim 4 to include the limitations of Claim 5, which the Examiner has stated would be allowable. Claim 5 has been canceled. Claim 4 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 6-12, being dependent from Claim 4, are allowable for this reason and on their own merits.

The Examiner stated in a telephone conversation of October 5, 2005 that Claim 13 is rejected as being anticipated by Gray, III. The Applicant has amended Claim 13 to overcome

this rejection. Gray, III does not teach one-touch attachment of a flow control device to a blower fan. Applicant submits that claim 13 is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected Claims 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Matsumoto. The Applicant has amended Claim 15 to substantially track the language of claim 4 as amended by Applicant herein. Claim 15 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 16, being dependent from Claim 15, is allowable for this reason and on its own merits.

The Examiner rejected Claim 17 as being anticipated by Matsumoto and Gray, III. The Applicant has amended Claim 17. As amended, Claim 17 shows that each pair of projections in the blower is matched with one opening in the flow adjustment device. Neither Matsumoto or Gray, III disclose pairs of projections being matched with openings, as required by amended Claim 17. Claim 17 is thus in condition for allowance. Claim 18, being dependent from Claim 17, is allowable for this reason and on its own merits.


The Examiner has rejected Claims 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Matsumoto and under 35 U.S.C. 102(c) as anticipated by Horng. The Applicant has amended Claims 21 and 22 to track the language of amended claim 4, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable. Neither Matsumoto nor Horng disclose these limitations. Claims 21 and 22 are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Matsumoto. The Applicant has amended Claim 23 to track the language of amended claim 4. Matsumoto does not disclose these limitations. Claim 23 is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Matsumoto. The Applicant has amended Claim 26 to track the language of amended Claim 4. Matsumoto does not disclose these limitations. Claim 23 is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is urged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel at the number noted below if it will advance the prosecution of this application, or with any suggestion to resolve any condition that would impede allowance. In the event that any extension of time is required, Applicant petitions for that extension of time required to make this response timely. Kindly charge any additional fee, or credit any surplus, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 051319-0090.

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